Subsidy to MSCCGMFL

2598. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for subsidy to Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Limited for maintaining MSP of cotton during the season 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the subsidy will be given to Government of Maharashtra for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRIUCLTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) The Government of Maharashtra has sought subsidy for making good the loss in cotton procurement under the monopoly procurement scheme of the Government of Maharashtra and export subsidy to make cotton export competititve on the lines application to Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).

Government of India decided to allow Maharashtra State Cooperative Growers' Marketing Federation (MSCCGM) to export cotton within the twenty lakh bales ceiling on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to CCI.

Criteria for sanctioning KVKs

2599. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for sanctioning Krishi Vigyan Kendras; and

(b) the names of the districts where KVKs are proposed to be set up in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRIUCLTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Government has approved for establishment of one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each of the 578 rural districts (as per India 2002) of the country during X Plan. A Site Selection Team examines the logistics for establishment of a KVK based on the proposals received from a district.